IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of:

Carl J. Beierle and Jules F. Senske

Examiner: Bruce F. Bell

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING

GALVANIC CORROSION ASSOCIATED WITH A MECHANICAL LOCKING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006, the deadline for normal response expiring on July 18, 2006, please consider the following:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.